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JUNE MEETING.

A stated monthly meeting of the Society was held this day, Thursday, June 11, at eleven o'clock, A.M.; Colonel ASPINWALL in the chair.

The Secretary read the record of the last meeting.

The Librarian announced donations from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; the Town of Groton; the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands; the Essex Institute; the Massachusetts Sabbath-school and Publication Society; the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; the New-England Loyal Publication Society; the Rhode-Island Numismatic Association; the State Historical Society of Iowa; the Trustees of the Peabody Institute; the Editors of the "Advocate"; the Editor of the "American Publisher and Bookseller"; the Publisher of the "Book Buyer"; the Publishers of the "Galaxy"; John Appleton, M.D.; Mr. Joseph Ballard; Mr. C. B. Brigham; Rev. Solon W. Bush; Mr. Horace P. Chandler; William Endicott, Jr., Esq.; George Gibbs, Esq.; Elbridge H. Goss, Esq.; Charles H. Hart, Esq.; Professor Eben. N. Horsford; Benjamin P. Johnson, Esq.; Professor Alpheus S. Packard; Nathaniel Paine, Esq.; Mr. J. S. Pike; Mrs. W. B. Rogers; Philip H. Sears, Esq.; Hon. Charles Sumner; J. B. Trembley, M.D.; Rev. Frederic A. Whitney; Hon. Henry Wilson; and from Messrs. Amory, W. G. Brooks, Denny, Ellis, Green, E. E. Hale, Lawrence, C. Robbins, and Smith, of the Society.

He called special attention to some volumes placed upon the table, consisting of narratives relating to the late war, which had been presented by our associate, Mr. Lawrence.

The Librarian also read a letter from Mr. D. W. Salisbury, in which he stated, that, by order of the Building Committee of the "First Church," he had sent to the Society photographs of buildings which had been occupied by that religious association; viz., one from a picture of the "Old Brick," so called, which stood on the present site of "Joy's Building," on Washington Street, and was taken down in 1807; the other represents the building on Chauncy Street, which is now in process of demolition.

The thanks of the Society were ordered to be returned for these two valuable photographs presented to the Cabinet.

The Cabinet-keeper reported a gift of an engraved portrait of the Rev. Peter Whitney, — the author of "The History of the County of Worcester," — by the Rev. F. A. Whitney.

Colonel ASPINWALL spoke of the death of our distinguished associate, Ex-Governor Levi Lincoln, and called on Professor Washburn to address the meeting.

Professor WASHBURN offered the following resolutions, and accompanied the reading of them with impressive and eloquent remarks on the character of the deceased: —

Resolved, That the Massachusetts Historical Society, in view of the death of their late lamented associate, the Hon. Levi Lincoln, would here express their profound respect for his character as a public magistrate, as a respected citizen, and as a man of eminently pure life.

Resolved, That the President be requested to appoint some member to prepare a memoir of Ex-Governor Lincoln for the Society's Proceedings.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be communicated by the Secretary to the family of the deceased.

Messrs. BRIGHAM, LOTHROP, and ELLIS also addressed the meeting.

Professor WASHBURN was appointed to prepare the memoir of Ex-Governor Lincoln for the Proceedings.

The Recording Secretary announced intelligence from the President of the Society, and read the following extracts from a recent letter from him: —

PARIS, 22nd May, 1868.

MY DEAR MR. DEANE, — Your favor of the 5th instant reached me on my arrival here yesterday. We left Florence on the 15th, passed a quiet Sunday at Turin, and came over Mt. Cenis on Monday and Tuesday. At Florence, I saw the bust of Mr. Peabody, by Powers. It is really very fine, and of exquisite marble. I have already told you, I believe, that it is destined for our Dowse Library.*

I shall be at home, God willing, in season for the December meeting, if not for those of October and November. The printed report of the Treasurer, with the notice of the Annual Meeting, reached me at Florence. I am greatly obliged and honored by the re-election to the Presidency, and shall endeavor to make up for my long absence by a punctual presence and an earnest co-operation in the future.

Mr. Motley came along from Chambery to Macon in the same train with us, and is now in Paris. He proposes being at home in July.

I spent an hour with General Dix this morning, but obtained no further news from America than the papers had already told me. We do not know whether President Johnson was acquitted by one vote *finally*, or whether his conviction is only postponed. But I must close, or lose the mail.

In haste, yours sincerely,

ROBERT C. WINTHROP.

CHARLES DEANE, Esq.

* This admirable bust has been presented to the Historical Society, and is now in the "Dowse Library." — Eds.